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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT

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1. STATE SECRETARY KOOIJMANS CALLED ME IN LATE MARCH 30TH TO GIVE ME DUTCH COMMENTS ON OUTLINE OF FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY. AS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD DONE, KOOIJMANS WELCOMED ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE AND REPEATED THAT DUTCH FULLY SHARED US CONCERNS ABOUT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO FACT US WAS CONSULTING OTHER COUNTRIES AT PRELIMINARY STAGE AND EXPRESSED HOPE OUR CONSULTATIONS INCLUDED BOTH SUPPLIER AND POTENTIAL RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

2. KOOIJMANS SAID HE WOULD BE ADDRESSING GENEVA CCD ON MARCH 31 AND PROVIDED ME WITH COPY OF HIS SPEECH. HE NOTED THAT PARAGRAPHS 4 THROUGH 14 SECRET

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WERE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE IN PROLIFERATION CONTEXT. EMBASSY ASSUMES TEXT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT BUT, IF NOT, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE IT. KOOIJMANS EMPHASIZED THAT SPEECH EXPRESSED DUTCH CONCERNS ON HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION AND ALSO SAID WE WOULD FIND IT GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH POINTS COVERED BY OUTLINE OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.

3. KOOIJMANS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING WHAT COUNTRIES US WAS CONSULTING, EMPHASIZING AGAIN DUTCH VIEW THAT SUPPLIER AND RECIPIENT STATES MUST BE INCLUDED. IN DUTCH JUDGMENT ONLY REAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL RELEVANT COUNTIRES COULD PRODUCE ACCEPTANCE OF IDEAS IN PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. WHILE GON FULLY SHARED AMERICAN CONCERN, AT SAME TIME IT REALIZED THAT PLAN WAS "TREMENDOUSLY AMBITIOUS". TO BRING ABOUT SAFE FUEL CYCLE WOULD TAKE MORE THAN A FEW YEARS AND DUTCH WONDERED WHETHER PANDORA'S BOX COULD NOW BE CLOSED. FOR THIS REASON IT WAS IMPORTANT IN THE MEAN-TIME TO STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING SAFEGUARDS NET THROUGH IAEA SYSTEM. BECAUSE REPROCESSING PLANTS WERE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION, DUTCH BELIEVED THESE ON GOINGDEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE COVERED BY ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS. KOOIJMANS RECALLED THAT IN HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH NYE POINT HAD BEEN MADE THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO MAKING REPROCESSING PLANTS ACCEPTABLE, BUT IN DUTCH VIEW THERE WAS NO WAY NOW TO NEGATE THEIR EXISTENCE OR INDEED THAT OF PLUTONIUM. DUTCH HOPED SAFE FUEL CYCLE WOULD BE POSSIBLE SO THAT REPROCESSING PLANTS COULD BE ABOLISHED, BUT WE HAD NOT YET ADVANCED TO THAT POINT.

4. AS WE CONCLUDED OUR CONVERSATION KOOIJMANS REITERATED DUTCH APPRECIATION FOR OUR CONSULTATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE. I EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT DUTCH RESPONSE AND OUR SATISSECRET

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FACTION THAT DUTCH AND US SHARED SAME ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES EVEN THOUGH WE DIFFERED TO SOME EXTENT ON MEANS TO WARD THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER WHICH KOOIJMANS HANDED ME.

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1. THE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE FORTHCOMING US PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STTEMENT, AS SET OUT IN THE US EMBASSY 'S SPEAKING NOTE OF 28 MARCH 1977, MEETS WITH GENERAL SYMPATHY FROM THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARES THE CONCERN WHICH INSPIRED THE REVIEW OF US PLICIES AND PROGRAMS. STRENGTHENING THE REGIME AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION

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OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS, IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW,
THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGE CONFRONTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IT IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED
THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING VIEWS AND
COMMENTS OF A NUMBER OF INTERESTED NATIONS ON THE
INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF ITS FORTHCOMING DOMESTIC
POLICY DECISIONS AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES
TO THIS QUESTION.

2. IN THE NETHERLANDS VIEW, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT
TO INVOLVE BOTH SUPPIER AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AT
AN EARLY STAGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION ON
NEW APPROACHES, ESPECIALLY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH
HAVE OR HAVE PLANNED MAJOR NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMS.
ONLY WITH A REAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL RELEVANT COUNTRIES
OF THE WORLD CAN ONE EXPECT BROAD ACCEPTANCE OF THE
MEASURES WHICH HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE FURTHER
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY.

3. SINCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND REALIZATION OF A WORLD WIDE SECRET

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NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY WILL DEMAND CONSIDERABLE TIME, ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN AND AMPLIFY THE EXISTING SAFETY-NIT, VIZ. THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS. PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS THERE FORE ATTACHED TO THE

US COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING THE NONPROLIFERATION REGIME AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE EMBASSY 'S SPEAKING NOTE. IN THIS CONTEXT THE GOVERNMENT THINKS THAT SERIOUS ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IAEA, TO THE FORMULATION AND APPLICATION OF ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS BEYOND THOSE NOW IN EXISTENCE.

4. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROBLEMS AND DECLARES ITSELF FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

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